

REMARKS

Applicants have amended claim 1 to recite “a requester to transmit an *inquiry* to a recipient to which the image data stored in the storage device is to be sent, wherein the recipient is requested to designate contents of a conversion processes to be performed to the image data; a first receiver to receive from the recipient a recipient's designation of the contents of the conversion processes; [and] a second receiver to receive from the recipient the recipient's designation of the contents of the conversion processes via a transmission medium different from that used by.” The amendment is not intended to alter the scope of the claim, but is intended to clarify the claim in light of the Examiner’s response in the Advisory Action dated Oct. 9, 2007.

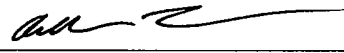
Applicants respectfully submit that the Examiner has failed to appreciate that a requester transmits an inquiry to a recipient. The inquiry is designed to elicit a designation related to the contents of a conversion process from the recipient. The elicited designation from the recipient is received by either the first receiver or the second receiver depending on the recipient. These features are not disclosed or suggested by any of the cited references for at least the reasons stated in applicants’ previous responses..

Applicant solicits an early action allowing the claims.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief, including extensions of time, and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952** referencing Docket No. **325772028200**.

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